

to Des Moines ten or twelve years ago, I think because they found slave labor there. I want to say this right now for the record. I am sick and tired of businesses coming in and saying, "You give us a free ride. We want to leech off of the people of the State of Nebraska. We want to raise your property taxes so that we big corporations can live high on the hog." I don't want a corporation in this state that wants a free ride. They talk about private enterprise, they talk about civic duty and then they talk about not paying their fair share or their paying their way. I'll send the message loud and clear. I want a business in this state that wants to contribute something and not just take everything out. If you want a free ride I'll say to you, go to some other state that wants to make paupers out of their people to support you but don't come to Nebraska because Marge Higgins isn't going to welcome any businesses that want to do that. But as far as this occupation tax goes, Omaha hasn't put it in effect yet but Omaha lost quite a few million dollars last year when we took away the sales tax on food which I supported. Omaha was hoping to get a bill passed this year so that we might get a little bit of money out of Ak-Sar-Ben who again we spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to support and that bill was killed in committee.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And the last thing I want to say to you, I cannot imagine of all people, the Senator who sponsored this bill is so dynamically for local control that he would propose to take the local control away from Omaha. I just don't understand that. I don't expect anybody to vote to bring this bill to the floor who has ever stood on this floor and said, "local control, local control." Senators, I urge you to vote no for the reconsideration of LB 675, even though the Senator that is bringing it to you is doing what I consider a good job for his own constituents. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise to support Senator Fenger's motion, although maybe I'm wrong in doing it in the sense of the word that it would maybe open